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SCHOOL IS OVER...
THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME...
HEY!
ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR FIRST DAY? MANAGER!
HERE HE IS! ONO-KUN!

IT'S MY FIRST DAY AS MANAGER.
AND IT'S ALL THIS GUY'S FAULT THAT I BECAME THE MANAGER OF THIS STUPID BASEBALL CLUB IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HARUKA-CHAN, WHAT SPORT DID YOU PLAY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?
NONE.
REALLY? BUT YOU SEEM LIKE A SPORTY GIRL, HARUKA-CHAN.
PLUS, NOT ONLY AM I A MANAGER, I HAVE TO PLAY AS WELL! GIVE ME A BREAK!
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HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING, HARUKA-CHAN?
HARUKA-CHAAAN!
YOU KEEP CALLING ME HARUKA-CHAN, HARUKA-CHAN! CAN'T YOU SHOW ME A BIT OF RESPECT?
YOU'RE YOUNGER THAN ME AND DON'T FORGET THAT!

ARE YOU OKAY WITH SHOUTING IT OUT LIKE THAT? I THOUGHT IT WAS A SECRET.
WE'D BETTER HURRY. PRACTICE WILL BEGIN SOON, HARUKA-CHAN.
UUUH ...
THIS GUY...
SINCE HE PROMISED TO KEEP MY SECRET,
I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO AGREE TO BE THE MANAGER UNTIL WE WIN A MATCH.
BASE-BALL CLUB
HARUKA-CHAN!
DO THE LAUNDRY!

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE THEY LAST DID THE LAUNDRY?!
JEEZ!
THANKS TO THAT ONO GUY,
EVERYONE ELSE HAS STARTED CALLING ME "HARUKA-CHAN" AS WELL!
DARN IT!
I'M A YEAR OLDER THAN THEM!
THEY'RE ALL SO ANNOYING!
SORRY.

HE MISUNDERSTOOD...
THE SITUATION.
MIKI...
BUT WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE WITH ONO-KUN?!
I'M HOPELESS
NOT ONLY DO THOSE YOUNGSTERS ADDRESS ME WITHOUT ANY RESPECT WHATSOEVER, BUT ALSO FORCE ME TO BE THEIR MANAGER, SOMETHING THAT I REALLY DON'T WANT TO DO!
BUT PUTTING THAT ASIDE, WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
WHAT?!
WHY ARE YOU WASHING THEM BY HAND? THERE'S A WASHING MACHINE BEHIND THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING.
EH?

SURE.
One more won't make a difference.
HEY, HARUKA-SAN. CAN I CALL YOU HARUKA-CHAN INSTEAD? EVERYONE ELSE DOES.
IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN CALL ME HARUNA-CHAN TOO.
THEY COULD'VE TOLD ME BEFORE!
I hope Mamoru's uniform will dry fast.
NOPE.
REALLY?
I HOPE YOU'LL FIND ONE SOON.
I DON'T CARE EITHER WAY.
ANYWAY, HARUKA-CHAN. DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND?
NOPE.
HMM... THEN IS THERE A GUY YOU LIKE?

NO WAY.
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMEBODY IN THIS SCHOOL!
IT'S NOT LIKE I NEED TO HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
THAT MAKES ME FEEL SAD FOR YOU.
ISN'T IT A GOOD THING TO LOVE SOMEONE?
AND IT WOULD BE AN EVEN BETTER THING IF THE PERSON WE LOVE, LOVES US BACK.
I DON'T NEED HER TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT ME.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT MAMORU-SENPAI?
I WANT TO BE WITH HIM FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER!!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M SO HAPPY I MET MAMORU-SENPAI.
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I MAY HAVE AGREED TO BE YOUR MANAGER, BUT I NEVER SAID THAT I WOULD PLAY ON THE TEAM!
GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO.
NEVER MIND, WE HAVE TO START RUNNING NOW!
GRAB
WAIT A SEC!
HAVEN'T YOU FINISHED DOING THE LAUNDRY YET?
THERE YOU ARE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
I CAN'T RUN ANYMORE!

"COACH, I DON'T THINK I CAN RUN ANYMORE," – THAT EXACTLY DESCRIBES HOW I FEEL!
DON'T BE SO PATHETIC. WE HAVEN'T EVEN MADE IT HALF WAY YET!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HEY, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A MANAGER THAT GETS INVOLVED WITH THIS KIND OF THING. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I SHOULD!
WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS?!
EVIL!
AND DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TRYING TO RUN AWAY. THE FINISHING LINE IS AT THE SCHOOL GATE.
OH, STOP COMPLAINING.
HARUKA-CHAN IS NOT ONLY A MANAGER, SHE'S A PLAYER AS WELL, SO YOU MUST DO THE SAME AMOUNT OF TRAINING AS EVERYBODY ELSE.

HOW MANY MORE MINUTES WILL IT TAKE TO WALK THERE?
I'M ALMOST AT THE SCHOOL GATE.
I JUST WANTED...
TO FINISH MY HIGH SCHOOL YEARS QUICKLY AND PEACEFULLY!
I FEEL DIZZY.

YOU MUST BE TIRED. ARE YOU OKAY?
WELCOME BACK.
BUT I'M IMPRESSED!
HARUKA-CHAN, YOU DID IT!
WHAT
HERE.
COLD.
YOUR REWARD.
EVERYONE WAS WAITING FOR ME?

WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THAT, COME TO THE FIELD. WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO START OUR PRACTICE!
BURST
JEEZ.
HE WON'T WIN ME OVER WITH COLD DRINKS!
SO GOOD
TOSS-BATTING PRACTICE.
HOP!
THROWING PRACTICE.
I've been waiting, but the ball never comes.
There's no point in trying to catch it.

YOU...
AREN'T VERY GOOD AT BASE-BALL, ARE YOU?
SLIDING
She won't reach it.
SERIOUSLY, I HAD NO IDEA HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS TO PLAY!
OWOWOWOWOW!
SHUDDUP! BASEBALL IS SOMETHING FOR ME TO WATCH, I NEVER ANTICIPATED HAVING TO PLAY IT MYSELF!

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I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE TO DO THIS KIND OF THING EVERY-DAY FROM NOW ON!
MOTHER, BE MORE GENTLE! THAT HURT!
I can't do it anymore.
I REALLY WISH I COULD GET RID OF THIS STUPID MANAGER JOB.
THERE'S NO OTHER OPTION.
WE HAVE TO WIN THE NEXT MATCH
NO MATTER WHAT!

HEY!
WE HAVE ANOTHER FIXTURE SOON.
I HAVE A FRIEND FROM ASAHIYAMA HIGH SCHOOL, SO I ASKED IF HIS TEAM WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING A MATCH WITH OURS.
AND HE SAID YES.
REALLY? WHO'S THE OPPONENT?
BAM
AS SOON AS WE WIN THAT MATCH, I'LL QUIT FROM THIS MANAGER POSITION!

*Koshien refers to a nationwide high school baseball competition, the final of which takes place at the Hanshin Koshien Stadium in Nishinomiya.

YOU'RE ALL SO PATHETIC.
HE'S RIGHT. HAHAHAHA.
KOSHIEN IS SOMETHING FOR US TO WATCH ON TV THERE'S NO POINT FOR US TO EVEN TRY TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A GREAT EVENT
I THOUGHT THAT EVERY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYER...
DREAMS ABOUT PLAYING AT KOSHIEN AT LEAST ONCE!!
HARUKA-CHAN!

WAIT A SEC! WHY AM I BLUSHING?
YOUR FACE LOOKS CUTE WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY.
M... MY POINT IS,
WE HAVE TO DO OUR BEST IN THIS MATCH.
I STILL THINK THAT I SHOULDN'T BE MANAGER FOR THIS CLUB...
BY THE WAY,
ISN'T THAT ODD THAT ASAHIYAMA SUDDENLY AGREED TO HAVE A MATCH WITH US? EVERY TIME WE'VE ASKED THEM BEFORE, THEY ALWAYS REFUSED. RIGHT?
ACTU-ALLY...
I TOLD THEM THAT THIS TIME WOULD BE DIFFERENT, BE-CAUSE WE HAD A SECRET WEAPON NAMED HARUKA NISHIWAKI,
AND THEY AGREED IMMEDI-ATELY AFTER THAT.
WHAT?!

OF COURSE, IF HARUKA-CHAN DIDN'T PLAY WITH US, WE WERE GONNA SHORT OF PLAYERS.

ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT...
I'VE GOTTA PLAY IN THE REAL MATCHES AS WELL?

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BASE-BALL AT ALL.
PHEW
TOO BAD,

ALL I KNOW IS THAT AFTER HITTING THE BALL, YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE 1ST BASE.
HOW IS THAT A PROBLEM?
CAN'T YOU JUST LEARN ABOUT BASE-BALL?
I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO FIND SOMEBODY ELSE TO TAKE MY PLACE ON THE TEAM.
WHAT?

LIBRARY
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO PLAY?
OF COURSE.
HOW TO PLAY BASEBALL
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
DON'T WORRY, THEY WON'T NOTICE.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST A PRACTICE MATCH, WON'T THERE BE TROUBLE IF THEY FOUND OUT I WAS A GIRL?
COME ON, FOCUS!
WHAT A WEIRD GUY HE...
UUH.
IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, ASK ME. I'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
YOU CAN USE A HAT TO COVER YOUR HAIR. BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU ACT LIKE A GIRL.

HE KNOWS HE'S YOUNGER THAN ME, BUT HE ACTS AS IF HE'S OLDER.
WORSE, I'M CARRIED AWAY BY HIS STYLE.
HEY.
THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE PITCHER.
CAN'T SOMEONE ELSE TAKE OVER THE ROLE OF PITCHER?
IT'S NOT THAT WE CAN'T, BUT,
I DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT BASEBALL, BUT I WOULDN'T EXPECT YOUR TEAM IS TO BE AS BAD AS IS. BECAUSE YOU ALL TAKE PRACTICE SO SERIOUSLY.
I WONDER WHY YOU HAVEN'T WON A MATCH.
THE PITCHER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE BASEBALL TEAM AFTER ALL, RIGHT?
HM, I SEE...
I'm a pitcher
HE'S MY BOY FRIEND
WE DECIDE THE POSITIONS WITH A LOTTERY.
A LOTTERY?!
What's wrong with this team?

BESIDES,
WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING, IS IT?
BUT BASEBALL'S NO FUN IF ALL YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT IS HOW TO WIN THE MATCH.
I GET IT NOW SO THAT'S WHY YOU'VE NEVER WON A MATCH!
AND THEY ALL PLAY BASEBALL BECAUSE THEY ENJOY IT.
EVERYONE IN OUT BASEBALL CLUB IS REALLY NICE.
I LOVE IT!
DO YOU... LIKE BASEBALL TOO?

I HAVE MORE FUN PLAYING BASEBALL...
THAN WHEN I'M DOING ANYTHING ELSE!
HE SMILES JUST LIKE A KID.
KENTA ONO-KUN, A GUY WHO'S A YEAR YOUNGER THAN ME.
YAMABUKI

I'M NOT GOING TO PLAY TOMOR-ROW! I CAN'T BE A RIGHT FIELD!
I...
WE'RE DONE FOR TODAY.
LET'S MEET AT ASAHIYAMA'S FIELD TOMORROW MORNING AT 9.
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.
DON'T WORRY. I KNOW HARUKA-CHAN CAN DO IT.
YOU CAN DO IT.
LET'S DO OUR BEST.
WAIT A SEC!
PLEASE, MISS MANAGER.

I'M WARNING YOU! I WILL NOT BE AT THE FIELD TOMORROW!
I'M NOT GOING TO PLAY!
DON'T BE LATE.
I WILL DEFINITELY NOT GO!
HARUKA, YOU'VE GOT A CALL FROM YOUR FRIEND.
HARU-KA?
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU SINCE YOU RAN AWAY THAT TIME IN THE CAFE.
AH, SORRY.
IT'S OKAY. ANYWAY, WE'RE ALL MEETING UP TOMOR-ROW.

EVERYONE MISSES YOU! ARE YOU COMING?
AND GUESS WHAT,
MIKI-KUN IS COMING TOO!
THIS WILL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO EXPLAIN TO HIM ABOUT THAT INCIDENT.
THERE WON'T BE A SECOND TIME!
MIKI-KUN...
DO YOU HAVE OTHER PLANS, HARUKA?
AH... NOTHING SERIOUS.
I'LL SEE YOU GUYS TOMORROW.

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
I TOLD THEM I WOULDN'T PLAY, ANYWAY!
BESIDES, WHY WOULD THEY DECIDE THE POSITIONS BY A LOTTERY? THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE, FOR SURE.
AND MIKI-KUN IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT STUPID MATCH!
ASAHIYAMA HIGH SCHO

DON'T WORRY. SHE'LL BE HERE, SHE'S JUST GONNA BE A LITTLE LATE.
MAYBE SHE ACTUALLY MEANT IT WHEN SHE SAID SHE WOULDN'T COME.
HARUKA-CHAN ISN'T HERE YET.
IS EVERY-ONE HERE?
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
BECAUSE SHE'S HARUKA-CHAN!
HARUKA, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
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I HAVEN'T TURNED UP...
SO THE MATCH WILL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.
WHAT AM I WORRYING ABOUT IT?
IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM, RIGHT?
AH, NOTHING.
EXCUSE ME.

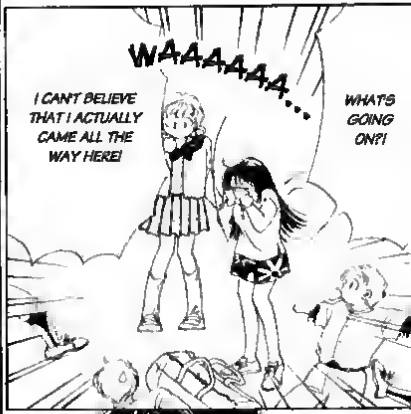
THIS IS WEIRD.
ALL THE CLUB MEMBERS ARE NICE PEOPLE.
THEY KNOW THAT WE'LL PROBABLY LOSE, EVEN IF I DO JOIN THEM, BUT...
THEY ALL PLAY BASEBALL BECAUSE THEY ENJOY IT.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!
LET'S DO OUR BEST!

HARUKA-CHAN, YOU DID IT!
WELCOME BACK.
YOU MUST BE TIRED, ARE YOU OKAY?
I HAVE MORE FUN PLAYING BASEBALL...
THAN WHEN I'M DOING ANYTHING ELSE!
HARUKA!

I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I HAD TO DO!
SORRY.
WHAT'S UP, INDEED!
WHAT'S UP, HARUKA?
ASAHIYAMA HIGH SCHOOL
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THE MATCH IS ABOUT TO START.

THERE SHE IS!
BUT WHY AM I RUSHING?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT BASEBALL CLUB!
ASAHIYA
HIGH SCH
HEY!
I THOUGHT YOU'D GOT A SUDDEN ILLNESS.
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE. WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, HARUKA-CHAN!

WE HAVE TO WIN THIS MATCH, YOU HEAR ME?!


WAAAAAA...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I ACTUALLY CAME ALL THE WAY HERE!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

LISTEN, GUYS...
NO MATTER WHAT,

PLAY
BALL!